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SAINT STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

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## ALUMNI - - JUNE 11th

### Glee Club Success.

#### St. Stephen's Glee Club Given Hearty Welcome at Beacon

On Thursday, May 7, the Glee Club made a trip to Beacon to give a concert in the Parish Hall of St. Luke's Church. The Club has practised at rehearsals weekly, and a pleasing programme was compiled.

The trip to Beacon was made under the supervision of Mr. Mason, the business manager and the Rev. Cuthbert Fowler, the director of the club. The club was met at the station by the Rev. A. O. Tritsch, rector of St. Luke's, and several citizens of Beacon who conveyed the singers to the rectory, where they were assigned to their respective lodging places for that night.

The concert was given in the Parish House of St. Luke's Church, and considering the inclement weather a very encouraging and appreciative audience attended.

After the concert a dance was held, in which both parishioners and students took part. Punch and cakes were served. The dance continued until midnight.

The Glee Club received a very hearty welcome in Beacon, and this success is a spur to greater achievements.

The program of the concert was as follows:

Opening Chorus ..... In Days of Yore  
Piano Duet ..... Clark and Mason  
Come Fill your Glasses High .... Club  
Honey, I Wants yer Now .... Quartet  
Railroad Song ..... Club  
Song ..... Clark  
Piano Duet ..... Clark and Mason  
Twilight ..... Quartet  
Skylark ..... Club  
Aloha ..... Quartet  
Medley from the South ..... Quartet  
Alma Mater

The members of the Glee Club of which the greater part went to Beacon are:

1st Tenors—Keedwell, Chandley, Buchanan.

2nd Tenors—Stretch, Castleman, Colwell, Turney-High.

1st Basses—Pfaffko, Clark, Gresham, Koch, Updike, Wietzel.

2nd Basses—Wood, Kidd, Dickerson, Aitkins.

Accompanist—Mason.

The quartet consists of Keedwell, Colwell, Clark and Aitkins.

Father MacDonald has succeeded Father Lange as rector protom of Barrytown Church. Father Lange is at present away from college on a leave of absence due to illness.

The boys here are looking for you. Alumni.



Rev. Dr. Rodgers whose resignation from the Presidency becomes effective on Commencement Day.

### New History Professor

#### Dr. Williams in Rev. Lange's Place Until End of Year.

In the place of Rev. Dr. Lange who is on a leave of absence, we have as the acting professor of the History Department, Dr. Clarence Williams. Dr. Williams took his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Pennsylvania, his Master of Arts at Princeton, and his Doctor of Philosophy at Yale.

His chief work has been lecturing and writing in connection with the Pilgrim Press making the interpretation of Biblical literature and history his special field. Last winter he was with the American War Library at Camps Upton and Merritt. At these camps he was able to become acquainted with the soldiers and he enjoyed very much his work in that line.

His home is in Philadelphia.

### S. A. E. Initiation

On Friday night, April 28th, Harold Eugene Clark, '21 was initiated into New York Sigma Phi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. An initiation "bust" was held in No. 12 McVickar Hall.

Clark comes to St. Stephen's after having spent his Freshman year at St. Lawrence University and having been overseas with the U. S. Naval Air Forces.

### Baseball

#### Tripple Alliance Wines Swat-Fest Score 27 to 25

The opening contest of the series of inter-mural baseball games was played on Zabriskie Field, Tuesday, April 29th. Play was called at 4:15 P. M. with the team composed of Juniors, Freshmen and Specials at bat; the Seniors and Sophomores had the field. Both pitchers had great difficulty in locating the plate which accounted for most of the runs. The winning team used all their free passes to good advantage, several times filling the bases to be driven in with a clean drive.

The lineup of the winners was: Libby, 3rd b; Hall, c; Langdon, 1st b; Updike, c f; Pfaffko, s s; Aitkins, p; Buchanan, l f; Chandley and Wietzel, r f and Turney-High, 2nd b. Colwell umpire.

The second game of the inter-mural series was played on Zabriskie field, Saturday, May 3rd. For the first few innings the game was closely played but better hitting and fielding by the team composed of Juniors and Freshmen easily gave them the game. The latter part of the game was loosely played by both teams, the score at the end of the ninth inning resembled rather a cricket match than that of a baseball game. This was due, in large part, to the fact that stars of both teams was absent from college.

#### 3rd Game Won by 19-21.

On Thursday afternoon, May 8th, the Senior and Sophomore team came

### Plans for Big June 11th

#### Alumni are Asked to Attend Big Post-Bellum Commencement.

A big old-time Commencement is planned for the 11th of June. The campus once more will be adorned as it was five years ago. The degrees will be given from a platform erected, under a canopy of awning, on the old site between the tennis courts and northwest of Ludlow and Willink Hall.

It is hoped notable speakers will be present and chief among these it is thought will be the Alumni. Perhaps no other time in the history of St. Stephen's is there need or call for a greater reunion than now and it is this that the authorities have in view when they make plans for a real Commencement of a bigger and better College.

#### CHAPEL NOTES.

This is the first opportunity the Messenger has had to mention the sermon of the Rev. Lawrence A. Cole, D. D., Ph. D., Headmaster of Trinity School, New York, and one of the trustees of St. Stephen's. Dr. Cole is a former warden of the college and has always had the college interests at heart. Before his sermon proper he spoke to the students as one of the institutions' trustees concerning the college's future. Dr. Cole said that the financial part of the institution has never been in a healthier condition, that the college is entirely free from debt, save the ordinary small debts to tradesmen. Considering the times we think this is very remarkable and are sure that this good news is welcome to alumni, students, and all other interested in St. Stephen's.

#### Probst-Tuthill Engagement.

The Rev. Jacob Probst, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Probst announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frances Probst, to James A. Brown Tuthill, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frederic P. Tuthill, also of Brooklyn. Miss Probst is a graduate of Hunter College. Mr. Tuthill was a student at Yale when he enlisted in the 2nd Cavalry U. S. A., and has just returned from Coblenz. He, for two years, was a former student here.

back strong after two defeats and easily won the third contest of the inter-mural baseball games by the score of 27 to 22. The game was marked by the fine fielding and consistent hitting of the winners. The winning lineup: Kidd, 3rd b; Lounsbury, 2nd b; Wood, p; Colwell, 1st b; Castleman, s s; Koch, l f; Dickerson, c; Parker, r f; Gresham and Newton, c f. Rev. Mr. Kaltenbach umpired.



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Dr. Davidson, our acting President, has during the past year submitted matters in which students were implicated to the Student Council, the governing body of the Undergraduates. Almost without exception the difficulties have been readjusted to the satisfaction of both the College Authorities and Students. In the past years the Students Councils have always endeavored to co-operate with the Administration in power, but were so utterly ignored that disruptions and misunderstandings have been the only logical sequences. This new step of progress adopted by our new tentative head is to be commended. That harmony and good will are created by such a policy is self-evident.

Many rules and unwritten laws are prevalent here at St. Stephen's—some good, some worthless. To enforce the best of these efficiently is almost beyond the sphere of possibility for the average college president, who has innumerable duties of far more importance on hand. The Student Council without any imposition should feel it their duty to share in the enforcement of some rules. For instance, there is an obviously sensible rule which prohibits students from taking coal out of the college cellars. The President cannot station sentinels in the diverse places where the precious 'gold brick' is stored. Neither does the average student feel it his duty to notify the head of the Institution that his roommate is carting away coal. Coal has

gradually disappeared this past year. This practice could easily be abolished were the Student Council to act within their bounds. The rule of the cap and gown over which there has been many a controversy, the council should assume a legitimate share of the burden of enforcing. Of course, when and how the student's financial obligations must be paid is entirely without the board's jurisdiction.

Let me suggest to the men who will comprise the new student council that they at the outset of their office consult the President and volunteer to help enforce such rules as the Administration may determine.

## THE GLEE CLUB

The recent concert given by the Glee Club has been the only concert given this semester, and it is felt keenly that the Glee Club must have something to work for in order to be an efficient organization. Prospects of concerts or a tour have a great effect upon the men. Rev. Mr. Fowler, the conductor of the Club, has worked very hard and the men have responded well, but without concerts in view the labor seems lost.

Here is an opportunity for the Alumni to render a good service to the college. A week's tour is included in the Club's plans for next year, to take place during the Easter vacation. The Alumni, by arranging for concerts, will not only encourage the men in this important college activity, but will also do good for the College, since the Glee Club is a most valuable advertising medium for the institution.

We feel everyone appreciates greatly the efforts of the Club director and all those involved in keeping this organization a worth-while organization. It is the part of everyone to take a firm interest in this side of the campus activities and every alumnus and undergraduate should do whatever he possibly can for the advancement of St. Stephen's College Glee Club.

## DRAGON CLUB NEWS.

Much to our regret, Mrs. Frederick W. Norris was unable to be with us on Wednesday evening, May 7th, due to sudden and unexpected sickness. The Dragon Club was very fortunate in procuring Mrs. Norris who is a very remarkable reader, and was to entertain us with a series of readings on "Dickens and other authors." We hope that her sickness will be short and that another date can be arranged before the close of the college year.

Mrs. Norris is a very close friend of the college and is the wife of Rev. Frederick W. Norris of the class of 1888 who is now Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Brooklyn, and a Trustee of the College.

## L. A. Wyant Dies.

Leroy Abraham Wyant, a former student 1911-1913, passed away at Camp Greenleaf, Ga., on October 9th, 1918. His home was at Seymour, Conn.

ALUMNI, WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU JUNE 11.

## IN OTHER COLLEGES.

Mrs. Susan F. Colgate, benefactress of Colgate, passed away recently at her home at the age of 101.

Hobart's across season opened April 26th and includes games with Syracuse, Harvard, Yale, Stevens and Pennsylvania.

Counting the six Freshman boats, Princeton now has a total of eleven crews. Her schedule includes races against Harvard, Yale, the Navy, Penn., Columbia and Cornell.

Mac Ewan, a former St. Stephen's man, has been initiated into the Kappa Beta Phi of Hobart, the society that helps keep a balance sheet with the Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Ellery and Professor Garis have succeeded Dean Ripton as Dean of Union College, the first now being Dean of the Faculty, while the second is to be Dean of the students.

George Eastman is to donate a large hall and school of music to Rochester University.

Union intends remodeling her Honor Constitution after that of Princeton, and has sent representatives there to study that system, which is the oldest and most successful in the country.

Among the Frosh Ten Commandments at N. Y. U. are these:

"Thou shalt at all times keep thy head uncovered from the moment thou enterest the portals of N. Y. U.

Thou shalt always display upon thy buxom bosom a dingy grey tie not more than one and one-half inches wide at any point.

Thou shalt not part thy hair in the middle.

Thou shalt at no time pollute thy babbling lips with rank or fowl weed; thou mayest smoke good tobacco—through the medium of an unadorned corn-cob pipe only."

The Trustees of Hobart College have voted to rebuild the athletic field, and subscribed \$7,500 for the purpose, provided a similar amount would be raised by the students, alumni, and friends of the college.

An entirely new type of college has been opened—a Trade Union College. The aim of the founders is "to make directly accessible to workmen and workingwomen the study of subjects that will further the progress of organized labor."

Psychological tests are now given to all candidates for managerial positions at Dartmouth, and the results are given some weight in the elections.

"Poughkeepsie's Big Day," the Poughkeepsie Regatta, which was temporarily erased from the calendar when the United States entered the war, will most likely be resumed in 1920.

A striking innovation has been proposed at Amhurst—the adoption of the English universities' system, in which attendance in classes is not compulsory but rests on trust of the intellectual curiosity of the student.

## The Mail Box

## CONCERNING EDITORIALS.

To the Editor of the Messenger:

May I be permitted to say a few words concerning editorials?

From the very word, we know that when applied to magazine or newspaper articles, "editorial" means the expression of the views of the Editor himself or of the entire Editorial Staff. Beyond this an unsigned editorial should not dare to go. It should never presume to represent student opinion in a college publication unless the writer is absolutely certain that his article is expressive of the views of the majority.

Free speech I advocate and have the greatest respect for the opinions of others, although my own may be diametrically opposed, but I vigorously protest against the publication of one man's views as student or public opinion. An editorial which purports to represent the student opinion of some two hundred men, would, to say the least, be difficult of composition; on the other hand, I can see no harm in a student presenting his personal views on any subject provided that having the courage of his convictions, he is not ashamed to publicly acknowledge the same by inscribing his name beneath the article.

Editors seem to lose sight of the fact that there is a great difference between news writing and the writing of editorials. The former must occasionally be padded and retouched, but the first principle of the latter should be truth. This is essential and it is mainly on this account that I desire publicly to register my objection to certain wild assertions and sweeping statements which were made in an editorial appearing in the last issue of the Messenger.

Let us have truth first.

ALEXANDER N. KEEDWELL.  
May 7th, 1919.

## CAMPUS NOTES.

Dr. W. C. Rodgers spent April 22d and 23rd on the campus.

Rev. Mr. Swan, D. S. C., of the U. S. Army, visited the campus the latter part of April, and hopes to return here for Commencement. Chaplain Swan was graduated from here with the class of '95.

Donnon E. Strong '20 and Joshua C. Fraser ex-'18, visited the campus on April 28th.

Rev. Mr. Statend '00, of Catskill, and his son visited Mason '20 on April 30th, 1919.

The Fraternity Tennis Courts have been marked and prepared for the spring season.

Ensign Bennett has recently returned to college for a visit after having been in the Navy for two years. He found the campus most attractive and delightful after his recent experience out in the busy world. Many more of our alumni would make plans to be here for Commencement if they could see the beauty of the place and feel with us its new energy and life. This new life, coming with spring, victory and peace, is to exist in the growth of St. Stephen's; yet holding the past and present charm which brings our men back—go they ever so far.

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## Senior Tree

1919 Plants Memorial Beside Chapel

Sunday, May 3rd, the graduating class performed the time-long custom of planting a memorial tree. Ever since the large Chestnut that formerly spread its protecting branches over the southern side of the college chapel died, frequent remarks have been passed as to the need of another tree in the same spot; but final action was left to the once famous class of 1919.

The members of the class, all wearing their Bachelor of Art gowns and led by Lounsbury, '19, carrying the golden mace brought the tree to the chapel. Here, they were joined by Father MacDonald and two acolytes. The planting was preceded by the most solemn ceremony. After the singing of a Rogation hymn, the First Psalm was read. Then Father MacDonald read an appropriate lesson taken from the Book of Genesis, after which he blessed the tree. During the singing of another hymn the tree was actually planted.

The new tree is a healthy young Tulip Tree. Needless to say it has been given the most careful attention and seems to be thriving.

## The Tree.

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast.

A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts her leafy arm to pray.

A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair.

Upon whose bosom snow has lain  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a Tree.

—By Joyce Kilmer.

The new service flag, which bears 105 stars including five gold stars, will be ready to hang on the campus this Commencement. The stars represent all the alumni and undergraduates who have been in the service of the Government during this recent war.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

'73. The Rev. Richard C. Searing has resigned the rectorship of Ascension Church, West Park, N. Y., to take effect on the first of next October.

'10. Rev. Lawrence F. Piper visited the campus on his way to the Holy Cross Monastery for the Retreat of the Oblates of Mount Calvary.

'11. The Rev. John Frederick Hamblin has received a call to the rectorship of St. John's Church, Newark, N. J., and has accepted. He will enter upon his new duties June 1st.

'12. The Rev. Elroy J. Jennings is now associated with the Rev. Dr. Alexander Vance at St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## COMMENCEMENT JUNE 8th-11th

## On To The Lyre Tree.

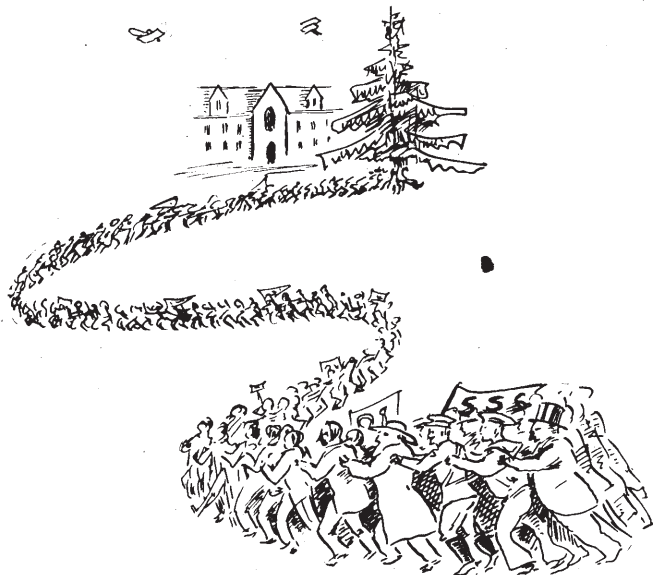
June is almost here. And with June comes Commencement, the time when the thoughts of every Alumnus turn to his happy undergraduate days, and to his beloved Alma Mater. In June, too, Alma Mater looks for the return of her sons, the renewal of old friendships and the revival of treasured memories.

For the past two years, due largely to war conditions, our Commencements have not been the old Commencements of former times. Many men found it impossible to get back, and the few who were present seemed not to be able to enjoy themselves thoroughly, owing to existing circumstances. June this year, however, presents the opportunity for you to reunite with your friends, both collegiate and fraternal, to talk over days gone-by and plans for the future. That the college authorities may be enabled to provide accommodations for everyone during Commencement Week, may we ask you to let us know when you'll strike Annandale and hit the trail for the Lyre Tree? A hearty welcome will await you on the part of old time friends, and the present undergraduates and Faculty of the college.

Yours in S. S. C.,

THE CLASS OF 1919.

"Lest we forget"—June 11th.



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Most of the trouble is due to the fact that trunks, unlike the students, cannot speak for themselves, when the address label or tag comes off. "Old marks" from previous trips are confusing to the expressmen and usually send the baggage some place where it oughtn't to go.

If you do not want your vacation ruined, or a romance shattered by a lost trunk, follow these general rules:

Remove or cancel all addresses of former trips.

Don't entrust your fineries to a single tag. The expressmen will not accept your baggage unless you have a label on it, in addition to a strong tag.

Be sure it is a strong tag. One with a reinforced eyelet, and attached with a heavy cord or wire, is best.

Use good ink, never lead pencil, in writing the address, and do it legibly, giving all of these details: Name of shipper; where from; name of consignee; local address, street and number; destination; city; value—state in full; and date of your shipment.

As an additional safeguard, place your name and permanent address on the inside of your trunk; on the lid, for instance.

Use these same common sense rules when you ship a suitcase, a handbag or other baggage, and you will see your best clothes again.—From: Education Service Bureau, American Railway Express, New York.

Howard E. Koch '22 was taken ill on April 14th, with a mild attack of typhoid fever. He spent almost three weeks at the City Hospital in Kingston—where he was speedily cured. At present he is recuperating at his home, and expects to return to the campus soon in order to finish his academic year.

Alumni, Can you be with us June 11th?



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Primus: There goes Dr. Wasson-wolfe, (pause) he ain't the man he used to be.  
Secundus: No, and he never was.

Maude Muller on a summer's day  
Watched the hired man rake the hay.  
She laughed and giggled in her glee  
When up his pant's leg crawled a bee.  
Later the farm hand laughed, in turn  
When a big grasshopper crawled up her'n.

—The Imp.

Fair Exchange.

Mother (severely)—Grace, that young Mr. Egbert is boasting that he stole a dozen kisses from you last night.

Daughter (sharply)—It isn't true, mother. I gave them all to him and he gave me most of them back.

—The Imp.

We Wonder Why:

Someone does not contribute some new jokes.

The dean enjoys going to Bard Hall before the winter is over.

There are always seconds on beans but never on food.

In the dash Buchanan never shaves.

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\*On Leave

There was a young fellow named Sid,  
And what do you think he did?  
He arrested some water  
From the third floor of Potter  
On the place where he wears his lid.

There is a young person called Bon,  
Who sleeps with his lights turned on,  
For fear some fresh guy,  
Like Langdon or High,  
Might flip up this poor garcon.

We all know a certain young man,  
Who loves neither Flora nor Anne,  
If the dean ever found out  
How much he's in Rondout,  
We're certain he'd give him the can.

Do you know of a certain professor,  
You don't have to be a good guesser,  
Who tried to refresh  
The mind of friend Gresh  
By hurling a black-board eraser?

Not Worth Much

A Scot had been calling on the same girl for fifteen years without committing himself. One evening as they sat on the sofa, the poor lass asked him in desperation:

"Sandy, I'll gie ye a penny for your thochts."

To which the Scot replied:  
"I was thinking we micht hae a wee bit o' kissie." Jennie kissed him and waited patiently, and finally asked:

"Sandy, what are ye thinking aboot now?"

The canny one answered:  
"I was thinking it was aboot time for ye to gie me that penny."—Anon.

Aitkins says his favorite temperature is two in the shade.

The Passing of the Classics.  
The classic studies seem foredoomed  
To early disappearance;  
Of Homer, Plato, Xenophon  
There soon will be a clearance.  
That Horace, Sallust, Cicero,  
And Virgil, Livy, Lucan,  
Will join the dodo, dead and gone,  
Expect, quite shortly, you can.

And apt quotations' artful aid  
No more will help ink-slinging,  
When illustrating deadly prose  
Or tuneful cadence singing.  
Oh, shun "mirabile dictu,"  
Don't shout in scale crescendo,  
Avoid Cimmerian gloom, and eke  
"Lucus a non lucendo."

Lament "eheu fugaces!" not,  
"Pro bono pub.:"—forget it!  
And as for "Hoi polloi!" "Nemo  
Impune me lacescit."  
"Fiat justitia" is wrong—  
Your "alma mater," shame her,  
And "fulmen brutum" seems absurd  
When, oh, "te salutamus."  
A. R. ROSS  
—The N. Y. Times.

"Habit" is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter, it does not change "a bit." If you take off another you still have a "bit" left. If you take off another, the whole of "it" remains. If you take off another, it is not "t" totally used up. All of which goes to show that if you wish to get rid of a "habit," you must throw it off altogether.

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